

# Constitutional?

## Arizona immigration law stirs controversy

Tyler Sharp | COLLEGIAN

Immigration has been a contentious issue for a considerable time in the United States. A new law in Arizona appears to have stoked enough controversy to continue this tradition.

On April 23, Arizona Governor Jan Brewer signed the Support Our Law Enforcement and Safe Neighborhoods Act into law. The act, passed as Senate Bill 1070, includes many provisions aimed at enforcing the state's immigration laws. The act is set to go into effect on July 28.

One of the more notable provisions of the act calls for a legitimate attempt to be made to determine immigration status of a person in contact with governmental authorities if a "reasonable suspicion" exists that the person is an illegal immigrant.

Colin Curtis, sophomore in political science and state president of the Kansas Young Democrats, said this provision opens the door for racial profiling.

"It legalizes it," he said. "This puts any minority, immigrant or not, at risk for something as minor as being without their driver's license."

Additionally, being in the state illegally would be a violation of state law. The violation would be classified anywhere between a class one misdemeanor to a class four felony based on the nature of the violation.

The law will also make employing illegal immigrants and transporting them anywhere illegal.

Another provision of the act allows citizens to sue their local government if they feel the law is not being adequately enforced.

Whether the act is constitutional has been continuously questioned since it was signed into law. Kris Kobach, a law professor at the University of Missouri-Kansas City and candidate for Secretary of State in Kansas, helped craft the act with Arizona legislators. He calls the law necessary and reasonable.

"The Arizona law hardly creates a police state," he wrote in an April 29 New York Times opinion column. "It takes a measured, reasonable step to give Arizona police officers another tool when they come into contact with illegal aliens."

Meanwhile, President Barack Obama, a constitutional law professor at the University of Chicago from 1992 to 2004, has instructed the government to monitor the law, according to a May 5 Agence France-Presse article.

"You can't turn law-abiding American citizens and law-abiding immigrants into subjects of suspicion and abuse," he said.

A vast array of responses has occurred since the act was signed into law.

Protests have occurred across the country. On Saturday, May 1, an estimated 50,000 people marched in Los Angeles. In Dallas, 20,000 marched, and in New York 6,500 marched, according to a May 2 Sacramento Bee article.

Calls for a boycott of the state have also increased. Numerous conferences that had been scheduled for Arizona have been canceled. Some travelers have also canceled plans to travel to the state. City councils from Oakland to Boston have also passed resolutions in favor of a boycott of Arizona. Such a boycott is not new to the state, which faced a similar response after reject-



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ing to officially observe the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday in the early 1990s. After a bill to honor the holiday passed two years later in 1992, estimates of the lost convention business topped \$190 million according to a May 1 Norwalk (CT) Hour article.

Bernie Hayen, instructor in management, does not believe the boycott will have an impact.

"I think what you are hearing and seeing is an expressed outcry of concern of how this law was implemented and the broad scope it had," he said. "As far as the economic market type of thing, it won't be successful."

Speculations as to its political impact have been plentiful. A New York Times/CBS News Poll found 51 percent of the country thinks the bill is about right. At the same time, 57 percent of those polled believe the federal government should determine the laws about illegal immigration, according to a May 3 New York Times article.

Doug Shane, junior in animal sciences and industry, said he believes the act came from a lack of response from the federal government.

"It hasn't fulfilled or completed their constitutional duty to protect our country's borders and to ensure legal citizenry," he said. "Arizona needed to try to solve the illegal immigration problem and have a remedy because the federal government would not act."

Republican strategists have worried the act could have a detrimental effect on the party. Matthew Dowd, George W. Bush's chief strategist in 2004, believes Republicans might have a "problem" because of this according to an April 30 Politico article.

Joe Aistrup, associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and former department head of political science, has a similar idea.

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## K-State campus not likely to become smoke-free anytime soon

Natalie Birzer | COLLEGIAN

Smoking is prohibited inside all K-State buildings and within 30 feet of marked entrances to university buildings.

"If smoking were banned on campus, it would be a healthier environment for everyone," said Jordan Carpenter, freshman in fisheries and wildlife conservation biology. "I don't want to have to be around secondhand smoke and breathe it in when I walk to class."

Secondhand smoke is not only bothersome; it is also harmful and sometimes deadly. According to the National Cancer Institute's website, [Cancer.gov](http://Cancer.gov), secondhand smoke kills 38,000 Americans every year.

Another harmful aspect to the smoking habit is the several trillion cigarette butts that are littered every year, according to [CigaretteLitter.org](http://CigaretteLitter.org). In fact, cigarettes are the most littered item in America.

"I would support a smoking ban on campus if for no other reason than to eliminate the litter from cigarette butts,"

said Alison Coulman, freshman in pre-vet.

According to the American Nonsmokers' Rights Foundation website, [No-smoke.org](http://No-smoke.org), as of April 10, there are at least 394 campuses that are 100 percent smoke free. Their list includes two higher-level schools in Kansas, Butler Community College in Andover and Kansas Wesleyan University in Salina.

If students wished to propose that current smoking regulations be tightened, Vice President of Student Life and Dean of Students Pat Bosco said they would first need to talk to members of the Student Senate and ask them to build a policy. The decision to pass the policy would ultimately be decided by K-State President Kirk Schulz and his cabinet.

Though no action has been proposed recently to change smoking regulations at K-State, this semester the Union Governing Board reversed a 50-year policy and banned tobacco sales at the K-State Student Union.

Bosco said he does not feel that strict-

er regulations are necessary to curb the problems.

"If tighter smoking bans are passed, that would just be one more thing to regulate," he said. "It doesn't always have to be a government issue. If someone's smoking bothers me, I politely ask him to blow the other way. I've never had a problem with them respecting me."

Some students agree and feel they are well within their rights to smoke on campus.

"I pay to use the campus," said Beth Holz, junior in political science. "I should be allowed to smoke, a perfectly legal habit. I feel that I have as much of a right to smoke in public as someone would to eat unhealthy food or drink a beer in public."

Holz said she feels if someone has a problem with her smoking, he or she can walk faster or take another route.

The majority of college-age smokers, however, want to quit. According to the Washington College website, [Washcoll.edu](http://Washcoll.edu), 70 percent of smokers would quit right now if they thought they would be

successful.

What many do not realize is that most colleges and universities have programs in place to help smokers quit.

K-State's Lafene Health Center offers a student smoking cessation program called K-Staters Inspired to Stop Smoking, aka K.I.S.S.

"K.I.S.S. is a free program that offers support and assistance for students trying to quit smoking," said Carol Kennedy, director of health promotions in Lafene. "It follows the American Lung Association program. You set up four different appointments at the health center: one before you quit smoking, one the day you quit and two follow-up appointments after."

The program includes support groups, one-on-one sessions and e-mail and phone support as well as nicotine replacement therapy such as nicotine patches, nicotine gum and the nicotine inhaler. K.I.S.S. also offers tips such as the "4 Ds." The "Ds" are deep breaths, drink lots of water, do something else and delay the urge.

### POLICE REPORT

## Arrest made for indecent solicitation

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A Fort Riley man has been arrested for aggravated indecent solicitation and endangerment of a child, according to Lt. Herb Crosby Jr.

Roger Safford, 20, was arrested Wednesday. He is still confined and being held on \$50,000 bond.

## Seniors celebrate Grad Bash

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K-State seniors graduating in May, August and December 2010 celebrated graduation at the Grad Bash Thursday at Johnson Terrace outside of the Alumni Center.

Attendees ate free burgers and ice cream, and the first 700 seniors to arrive received free T-shirts. Organizers also gave out prizes, like a K-State graduation ring, football tickets and K-State blankets.

"The atmosphere was great," said Cindy Knudsen, senior in mass communication. "Everyone is so excited to graduate."

The event was put on by the K-State Alumni Association with help from the Student Alumni Board, a group that works with the Alumni Association to connect current students with alumni and also organizes promotional events to help high school students learn about K-State.

"This event used to be called the Senior Sendoff," said Christopher Miller, Student Alumni Board member and senior in elementary education. "It is to let K-State students know that the alumni are here to help them when they need help."

Though many seniors said they came to the event for the free food, some were able to reconnect with old friends and classmates.

"I have been able to see a lot of people from different groups," Knudsen said. "I have seen some from freshman year and some from different classes I have taken. It has been cool to reconnect."

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**Roger Howard Safford Jr.**, Fort Riley, was arrested at 12:03 p.m. for aggravated indecent solicitation of a child. Bond was set at \$50,000.

**Jamie Leigh Donaldson**, 3000 Tuttle Creek Blvd., was arrested at 1:21 p.m. for possession of opiates. Bond was set at \$1,500.

**John Thomas Abramovitz**, 2122 Prairie Field Place, was arrested at 7:43 p.m. for probation violation. Bond was set at \$1,500.

THURSDAY

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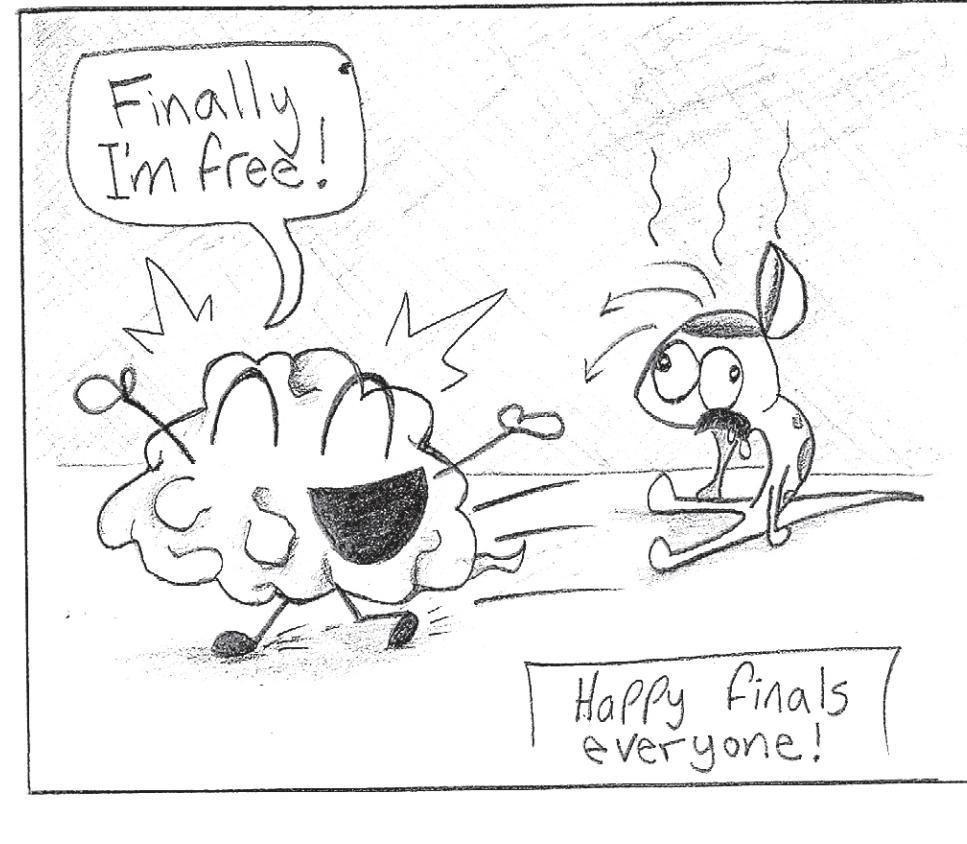
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**The Graduate School** announces the final doctoral dissertation of Peter Nyori, titled, "Genetics of Resistance to Leaf and Stripe Rust Disease in the Spring Wheat 'Amarina.'" It is scheduled for today at 1:30 p.m. in Throckmorton 2002.

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This year's Professor of the Year is:

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Congratulations to all the nominees! Thank you for your continued outstanding contributions to the students at K-State.

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# Latest 'Halo' installment offers multitude of new features

Though many of us have been studying this week, many other have been spending a lot of time playing the "Halo: Reach" beta that was released to the public May 3. If you're one of those who have been studying, then you're really missing out.

On May 3, video game developer Bungie opened the download door for individuals who purchased their last game, "Halo 3: ODST," to play-test the beta version of the next Halo game.

"Halo: Reach" is a prequel to the best-selling Halo franchise on Xbox and Xbox 360. It takes place on the planet of Reach, home to the SPARTAN-II program, and the new release is set prior to the first Halo game.

But the iconic hero of Halo, Master Chief, will not be making an appearance. Instead, the protagonists will be a group of Spartan-IIIs called Noble Team. The action takes place during the last days of the battle for Reach before the planet is rendered uninhabitable by the alien armada known as the Covenant.

It's still unclear whether the game will follow any of the storyline from Eric Nylund's book "Halo: Fall of Reach," but the final game is scheduled for release in fall 2010.

Like all Halo games, "Reach" consists of a single player/cooperative campaign and online multiplayer. The current beta is the online multiplayer. Bungie plans to gather data from all beta matches played to work out the glitches. Users have already found and posted video of several visual and functional glitches on YouTube.com, but for the most part, gameplay is fairly solid. The servers for "Halo: Reach" were shaky at best on May 3; they constantly crashed because so many people were trying to play, but now the problem has been fixed.

So what should you look for in "Halo: Reach"? A multitude of things have changed from "Halo 3." First, the Spartans are different. Their armor doesn't look anything like Master Chief or the ODST armor. The new armors are much more customizable. They have updated the emblem creation system, adding new emblem icons and making the process much faster. You still have plenty of colors to choose from as well. Additionally, credits will allow players to unlock new equipment to customize their Spartan. Every game you play earns credits as you acquire



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medals and kills, along with credits for playing the game all the way through and victory bonus points.

New ranks also unlock new items to be bought with credits. Another cool item to return to Halo is the health pack which was taken out after "Halo: Combat Evolved." But good luck finding one when you need it.

The next big change, and probably the most challenging, is the controls. The controller layout for "Halo: Reach" is very different from "Halo 3," and is almost reminiscent of the original Halo, "Halo: Combat Evolved." You can still customize your controls, but the defaults are still different. I am just grateful that the A-button is still jump. I can survive if I can jump, even if I don't know what the other buttons do.

#### ARMOR ABILITIES

One of the main reasons for the changing the buttons is new armor abilities. Armor abilities are divided into classes or "load-outs" including Scout, which has a sprinting ability, Stalker, which utilizes active camouflage and jams radars, Guard which has an armor lock that holds you in place but makes you invincible for the duration of the power up and the very awesome jetpack-capable Airborne class.

Be warned: you can receive damage from the jetpack if you go too high and fall. Personally, every time I see people using jetpacks, I just giggle and wonder which Star Wars nerd at Bungie begged to have a Boba Fett-type ability.

Additionally, every time you spawn, you can change your class. In the beta it is also possible to play as the Elites, but only in very limited Covy (Covenant) Slayer matches. The Elites have a rolling dodge in place of ar-

mor abilities and also have more shields and health than their Spartan counterparts.

#### GAMEPLAY

Other changes include new game types in online matchmaking. Anyone familiar with Private Jimmy or the skulls from previous Halo games will enjoy Headhunter. In Headhunter, you collect the skulls of fallen enemies. Stockpile, on the other hand, is a capture-the-flag based game where two teams must collect as many neutral flags from the surrounding area, bring them to their designated base, and guard them until collected, then rinse and repeat until the game is over. First to collect 10 wins. Of course Team Slayer is still available, where you can continue fighting over who is better, Reds or Blues. Two other game types which I have not played in the beta are General Defense and Invasion. These games pit Spartans against Elites. Also new is the Arena, where it's basically a more competitively minded free-for-all let's kill everybody match where all the people who had Hayabusa armor in "Halo 3" will be hanging out, thinking they're better than everyone else.

An improvement over the Veto process in online matchmaking allows players to vote between three different game types, maps or none of the above (which brings up 3 more options, one of which must be played). The map with the most votes is the one you play.

So far, there are only two maps available: Powerhouse and Sword Base. Neither map is a vehicle map. Powerhouse has a similar feel to High Ground from "Halo 3." Although not as open as High Ground, there is water to play in. Sword Base is very basic, just like its name.

The name doesn't really fit this map at all, and I hope they consider changing it before the final release. Additionally, the map is very human, which doesn't match the Covenant weapon it was named for. This map is essentially divided into two tall white buildings connected by walkways and a narrow plaza on the ground floor. If you enjoy smashing things, this map has plenty of computers to be destroyed.

Another new way to earn kills and medals is through an assassination called "take downs." Basically, it's a awesome way to assassinate someone with a cool third-person animation instead of the customary melee strike. From what I've seen in game play, it's just as humiliating as teabagging.

#### WEAPONS

Most of the weapons in this game have been upgraded from "Halo 3," which doesn't make that much sense since it's supposed to be a prequel. All the weapons have new sounds to give them a more realistic feel. The assault rifle has a new, detailed look and finally packs a real punch on enemies. Although this weapon is still best when used in bursts.

Replacing the battle rifle is the Designated Marksman Rifle. This is a good mid- to long-range weapon that packs a much stronger punch than its predecessor with less recoil. I would recommend headshots over bursting for this weapon.

My least favorite weapon is the Focus Rifle, which replaces the Sentinel Beam and Beam Rifle. This weapon isn't as wieldy as the Sentinel Beam and can reach far across a map for those who favor long-distance kills.

Bungie has also debuted human and Covenant grenade launchers. The Covenant's grenade launcher is called the Plasma Launcher. This weapon shoots plasma grenades and it has a tracking ability to follow targets. This weapon seems very overpowered, and only time and beta testing can tell if Bungie will tone it down. The human Grenade Launcher has two firing modes, one which shoots a group of grenades and another for timed explosions.

The Magnum is back, and has finally regained some of the power that Bungie stripped off after "Halo: Combat Evolved."

The ridiculous melee gun flip has returned from the original Halo as well. The Needler is back and it's lost some of its cuteness. The Needler's cousin, the Needle Rifle is meant for accuracy, making it essentially a Covenant version of the Designated Marksman Rifle, which makes it a good mid- to long-range weapon. So if you used the Needler because your accuracy isn't very good, you might need some practice before you use the rifle. But never fear, you can still needle bomb an opponent with the Needle rifle.

The Plasma Repeater is a better version of the old Plasma Rifle. This weapon doesn't have the bad recoil from overheating like its predecessor. Instead, this weapon just slows down when it overheats.

Returning weapons that really haven't changed include the Plasma Pistol, Shotgun, Sniper Rifle, Gravity Hammer, and the Energy Sword.

#### AT A GLANCE

From my gameplay I found the game to be much faster paced. I know one common complaint is that the characters move too slow. Even without sprint, I felt that the characters moved faster, and battles happened quicker. While I'm still trying to gain experience with all armor types, I have one complaint with the invisibility. While playing splitscreen, my teammate chose to go invisible. When using the invisibility the noise gets muted during and briefly after the effects of the invisibility.

Normally that doesn't seem so bad, but every time he did it, my sound glitched and died, so as a result, my enemies sneaked in and shanked me. I couldn't hear my enemies coming, and I wasn't even the one who was invisible. Hopefully, Bungie will fix that glitch; otherwise, I won't be playing splitscreen very often.

"Halo: Reach" has new games, more customization, and brings back some lost jewels from "Halo: Combat Evolved." Also worth noting, all medals and ranks will reset when the final game is released. If the beta is anything to go by, the final game is sure to be a best-seller. If you haven't spent time playing this game, then you owe yourself a study break.

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# No Way Around

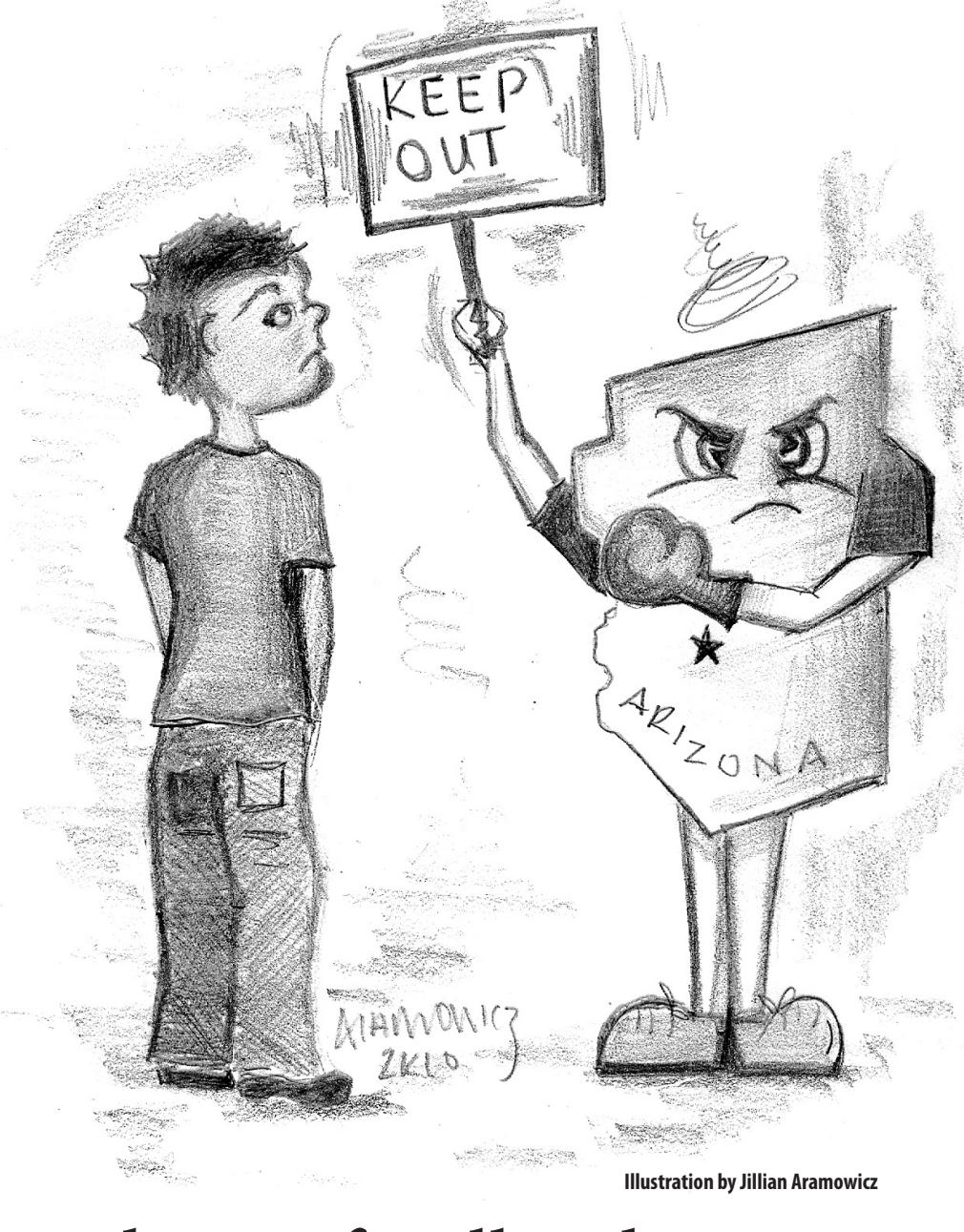


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## No clear solution for illegal immigrant issue



Marshall B. Frey

Recently, the media has been littered with the news of the battle against illegal immigration along the border states. In light of the problems presented by illegal immigration, states like Arizona have taken what many consider to be extreme measures to ensure the safety of their citizens. By doing so, lawmakers have sparked a nationwide debate on the issue of illegals entering the country.

The debate on immigration reform presents an interesting problem without a clear solution. A quick glance at American history shows that our country is a patchwork of immigrants, many of whom were probably illegal.

You could argue that without illegal immigration, America would not possess the heritage and culture that it carries on today. However, if you find yourself on the opposite side of the fence, you feel your home is being invaded by outsiders who are taking American jobs and American money. The

fact of the matter is there is no easy solution to this tricky problem.

There are some things we all need to remember about the recent rise in illegal immigration in the United States. For starters, we all need to remember everyone has had a different experience with illegal immigrants. Some of those experiences have been good, and some have been bad. The outcome of that individual's experience shapes and guides their opinion on the matter.

The second issue we need to consider is the position we would be in without the presence of illegal immigrants in the United States. You could argue that a rise in the crime rate is directly proportional to the rise in immigration.

However, on the opposite side of the coin, you could argue that illegals are less likely to commit crime for fear of being caught and deported. Additionally, we need to consider the impact the presence of illegals has had on the economy. In the construction and hospitality industry, owners have been able to reduce overhead cost over the last two decades while maintaining quality because of their ability to hire illegals for low wages.

Some opponents of illegal immigration claim illegals working in the United States don't pay taxes. This statement may be true in some cases, but a majority of employers withhold taxes from an employee's paycheck that go directly to the state and federal

government.

If that employee never files, they are not eligible for their refund, which the government in return keeps. In contrast, a majority of immigrants send a portion of their paycheck to their home country, which allows money earned in America to be spent in another country's economy. Either way you look at it, the presence of illegal aliens has an extensive effect on the U.S. economy.

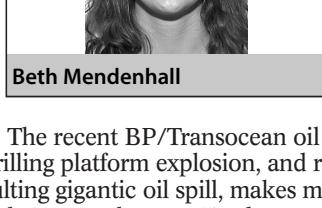
So what is the solution to this complex issue? Well, I think we can all agree there isn't a solution that will make everyone happy. But at some point we need to consider how far we take the legislative power in this case.

By setting a precedent with Arizona's new law, as citizens open the door to more intrusive action by the government. Laws that allow such doors to be opened slowly progress the large government agenda, which could lead to a fairly Orwellian nightmare like we saw in the book "1984."

Is illegal immigration wrong? Yes, without a doubt. But we need to establish other methods of solving the issue. By enacting and enabling these laws, Americans slowly lose the civil rights outlined in the Constitution and forfeit the quality of life intended by the Founding Fathers.

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## Proper legislation could have prevented Gulf spill



Beth Mendenhall

The recent BP/Transocean oil drilling platform explosion, and resulting gigantic oil spill, makes me sick. For weeks now, I've been avoiding the news out of fear that my environmental idealism would slowly sour to cynicism.

Knowing there was nothing I could do but retch, it didn't seem worth the time and emotional effort. But, lo and behold, I was dead wrong.

This is an environmental disaster of epic proportions. It's also not the first major oil spill, or the first failure of government regulation, or the first oversight of a profit-driven corporation. Learning about the causes and consequences of Deepwater Horizon's explosion and collapse is critical to helping us discover the appropriate balance between rising energy demands and the health of our environment and economy. Energy and climate legislation is inching its way up the Congressional docket, and the first tangible effects of global warming and ecosystem collapse are waking us from our ignorant slumber.

It's widely agreed that the explosion was related to a cementing op-

eration that BP and Halliburton operators had performed days previous. The purpose of the operation was to fill the space between the hole and pipe in order to stabilize the well and prevent leakages.

In 2007, the U.S. Minerals Management Service released a report that this technique was the single largest factor in Gulf of Mexico well blowouts since 1993, and was at least partially responsible for 18 of the last 39 blowouts.

Halliburton, the cementing contractor for BP, used the technique on a Timor Sea rig that suffered a blowout last year. The former head of regulatory affairs for the U.S. Mineral Management Service, Elmer P. Danenberger, publicly stated the poor cement job was probably the blowout's primary cause.

The problem is a disconnect between bureaucracy and policymaking. Congress is the ultimate arbiter of deep sea drilling regulations. Congress decided that the oil companies were doing a fine job choosing how to avoid blowouts on their own. Congress was wrong.

They made such a devastating mistake, in eschewing further drilling regulations, because they listened to the advice of those with a profit motive. The financial impact of the spill to BP and Transocean is not insignificant until you compare it with their windfall profits.

The federal government has placed a \$75 million cap on damages paid for these types of environmental disasters. Even if Florida,

Alabama and Louisiana are able to wrestle more from the companies, and even if some of the 20-some citizen suits against the company for financial damages are successful, the payout is still nothing compared to BP's \$14 billion replacement-cost profit in 2009. That same year, the company spent \$15.9 billion on lobbying. Their overall profits are up 135 percent this quarter.

The Deepwater Horizon explosion is one of a series of preventable mistakes made by multinational oil corporations. As a result, the coral reefs, mangrove forest and sea grasses of the Gulf of Mexico ecosystem are in serious danger.

Thousands of coastal livelihoods depend on the health of this ecosys-

tem. Proponents of deep sea drilling often tout the benefits of "energy independence" and criticize the harsh environmental practices of oil exporters.

In reality, companies like BP, Transocean and Halliburton have no allegiance except to their own profit margins. As U.S. citizens, we should demand our lawmakers listen to those who know best – the government bureaucrats and scientists who saw this kind of disaster coming. Given the impending oil crises, the alternative is havoc on ocean ecosystems.

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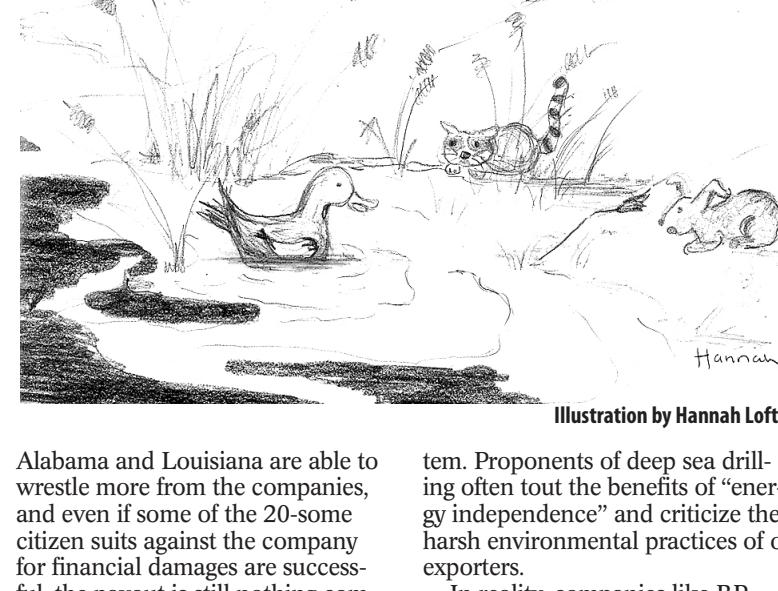


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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Prairie burning needs to continue

Dear Editor:

I am senior in range management at K-State and want to inform you on a current issue being faced today. I am a student of Phil Anderson's Speech II class.

We were instructed to complete a persuasive speech about a current issue. I chose to do mine over the current issue of smoke management and the possible removal of prescribed burning in the tallgrass prairie.

The smoke you see in the air is a part of one of the Earth's most natural and dramatic processes and the Environmental Protection Agency wants to put a stop to it. This would be the burning of the tallgrass prairie. The prairie has been burnt for centuries because of natural causes; it is only in the last 200 years or so that people have done it on purpose.

It all started with the American Indians; lightning strikes would start a wildfire. Once the fire had burnt through, this brought brand new green grass and palatable species to the prairie that in turn attracted the buffalo to the area, and we all know that the buffalo were one of the Indians' most treasured commodities.

The prairie is getting smaller by the day and is being more poorly managed than ever. Many land owners do not live on the land they own and without proper management practice it usually goes from grass to a woody pasture in five to 10 years.

Without the presence of fire, the dominant grass species that make the prairie so beautiful and majestic don't have a chance to compete with the woody species. If poorly managed and the pasture is allowed to be overtaken with woody species, this will not allow the grass species to acquire the necessary nutrients.

Fire removes the old litter from the past growing season and allows more sunlight to hit the soil and moisture to stay in the soil. To preserve the prairie that is diminishing so fast, this process must stay in effect.

So please help in supporting the debate between the National Resources Conservation Service and the EPA and help keep burning a normal process, because without this long-used tool, the vast prairies will not survive.

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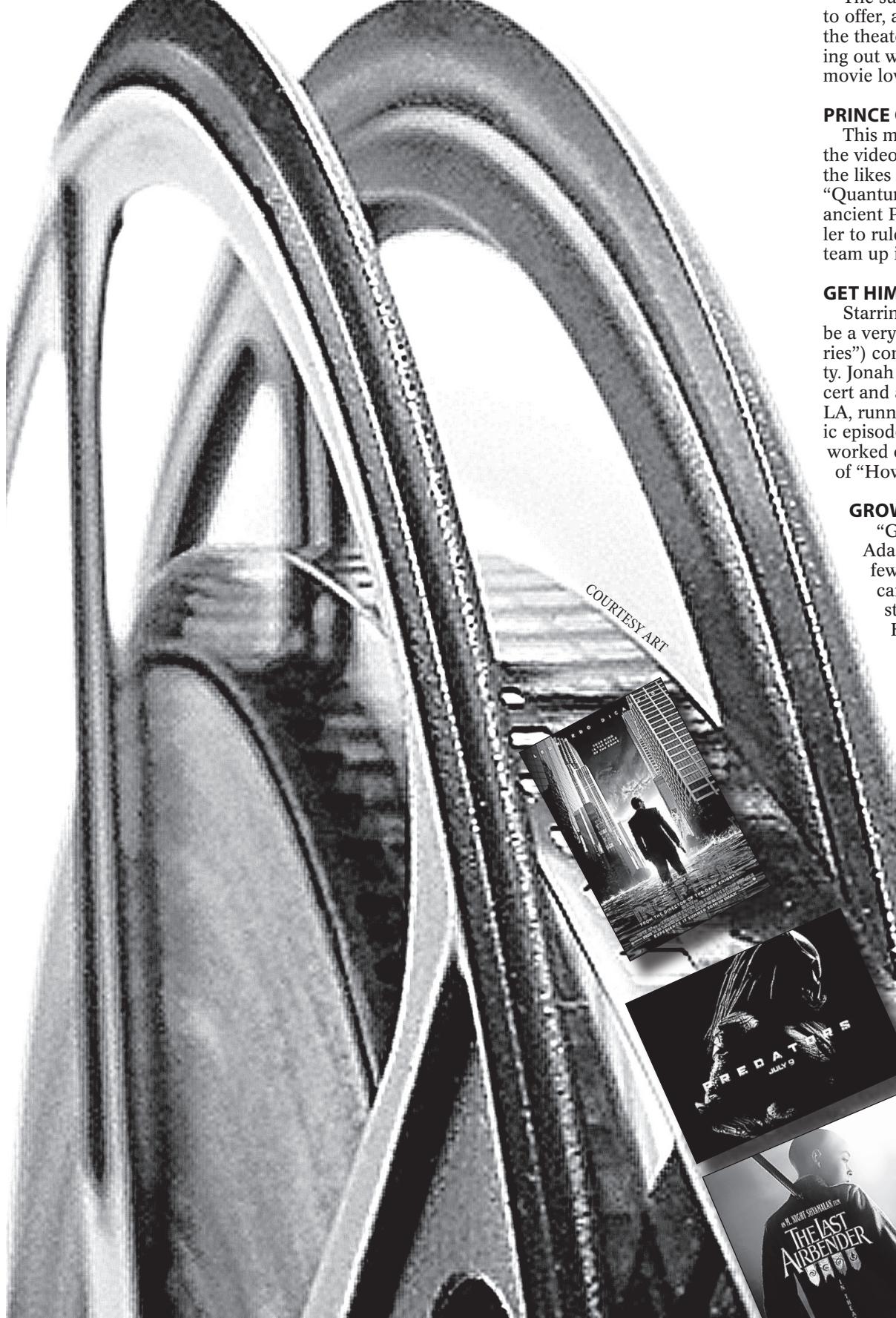
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# Summer Movies

## Great films on the horizon



### Upcoming flicks look bright

This summer could potentially be a major disappointment or a pleasant surprise. There are so many movies on the bubble this year, where they could be really good, but at the same time, they could be painful experiences.

Here are the five films I am most excited to see this summer. All of these movies have the capability of being great, so let's hope the filmmakers involved took it in the right direction and made the best movie they possibly could.

#### **INCEPTION**

Out of all the summer movies, this could very well be the best one yet. It's directed by Christopher Nolan, the man behind such masterpieces as "Memento" and "The Dark Knight," and it stars a fantastic group of actors like Leonardo DiCaprio, Joseph Gordon-Levitt ("(500) Days of Summer"), and Ellen Page ("Juno," "Whip It!"). Aside from that, it also looks like it's going to have an original and thought-provoking storyline.

The film is set in the future and DiCaprio plays Cobb, an international thief who specializes in stealing secrets from the subconscious mind. This particular skill has made him a valuable asset to corporate espionage, but at the same time, it has turned him into an international fugitive. In order to redeem himself, Cobb is offered one last job. The job, however, doesn't involve stealing an idea, but planting one. To complicate matters even more, Cobb and his team are confronted with an enemy that only Cobb can see coming.

In a summer full of sequels, and unoriginal concepts, this film should be a breath of fresh air. "Inception" opens July 16.

#### **SPLICE**

When I first saw the preview for this, it didn't seem too interesting, but after seeing it again, "Splice" is becoming one of those movies I'm looking forward to the most.

The film stars Adrien Brody ("The Pianist," "King Kong") and Sarah Polley ("Dawn of the Dead") as two scientists who make one foolish decision. They attempt to create a new species by mixing human DNA with something else. What they end up getting is something neither expected.

The movie looks like it will be a well-written, fascinating sci-fi. I'm excited to see it when it comes out June 4.

#### **PREDATORS**

"Predators" also stars Adrien Brody, but here, a big name cast in this stand-alone sequel joins him in the action. Unlike the "Alien vs. Predator" films, this one looks like a legit sequel. First of all, the cast is amazing. Along with Brody, there's Lawrence

Fishburne ("The Matrix"), Toper Grace ("That 70's Show," "In Good Company"), and Danny Trejo ("Machete"). All of them are transported to the alien world of the Predators and hunted down like animals. Robert Rodriguez (director of "Planet Terror," "Desperado" and "Once Upon a Time in Mexico") is producing this, so as far as I'm concerned; the film's in good hands. The preview looks intense, and with a hard R rating, I think this could very well rival the awesomeness of the original. "Predators" opens July 7.

#### **KNIGHT AND DAY**

With the usual slew of CGI-heavy blockbusters, I am pumped Hollywood is embracing a movie with big explosions, blazing guns, and thrilling car chases. Tom Cruise stars as Miller, an ex-spy who is chased by the government he had once sworn to protect. Along the way, he somehow runs into a girl named June (Cameron Diaz) and the two set off evading bad guys. The plot seems simple, but the preview makes it look like pure summer escapism. Even from the two-minute preview, it's obvious that Cruise and Diaz ooze chemistry and they have a knack for comedic timing. "Knight and Day" very well could be one of the most entertaining movies of the summer. The movie opens June 25.

#### **THE EXPENDABLES**

My brain is telling me that "The Expendables" is going to be awful, but my testosterone is telling me that this is going to be the best movie ever, so I have to put it on this list. Every time I watch the preview and cringe at the awkward dialogue, my testosterone sneaks up on me and says, "Wait, but the movie stars Sylvester Stallone, Jason Statham, Jet Li, Dolph Lundgren, Randy Couture, Steve Austin, Mickey Rourke, and features Arnold Schwarzenegger and Bruce Willis, so how can this movie not be awesome?" By that time, my thoughts leave me, and I find myself drooling over a preview that reunites all of the great action stars into one movie involving a team of mercenaries overthrowing a South American dictator. How awesome does that sound? Am I the only one excited for this? Sure, it very well could be bad, but I'm really hoping my testosterone is right in this one, and "The Expendables" ends up being one of the most rocking movies of the summer. "The Expendables" will be at the tail end of the summer season with an August 13 release date.

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The summer always seems to be packed with the very best Hollywood has to offer, and why not, we're all out of school and have lots of time to waste at the theater. But with so many movies, we can get lost and forget what's coming out when or may not even know what all is coming out, so to assist the movie lover I have put together a list of hot releases to keep your eyes on.

#### **PRINCE OF PERSIA: THE SANDS OF TIME**

This movie will be the first of many great movies this summer. Based on the video game and written by Walt Disney Pictures, this action film features the likes of Jake Gyllenhaal and Gemma Arterton ("Clash of the Titans," "Quantum of Solace"). They portray a prince and princess working through ancient Persia to retrieve an ancient weapon that would allow the controller to rule the world and control the Sands of Time. Gyllenhaal and Arterton team up in what should be one of the best-designed films of the summer.

#### **GET HIM TO THE GREEK**

Starring Jonah Hill, Russell Brand and Katy Perry, this should turn out to be a very funny movie. Brand ("Forgetting Sarah Marshall," "Bedtime Stories") comes across as the very wild and eccentric rock star who loves to party. Jonah Hill must get him to "The Greek Theater" for a tour debut concert and as such must convince the crazy star all the way from London to LA, running into what I can only imagine will be quite humorously tragic episodes of chaos and drugs from there to here. Director Nicholas Stoller worked on "Yes Man" and the characters have been written by Jason Segel of "How I Met Your Mother."

#### **GROWN UPS**

"Grown Ups" will be another comedy I don't want to miss. Although Adam Sandler's movies have stretched quite a span through the last few years, I have enjoyed seeing a much different side of comedy and can only imagine how his vision will shine through yet again. With a stellar comedic cast, including Adam Sandler, Kevin James, Selma Hayek, Chris Rock, Rob Schneider and David Spade, how can you not want to see all of those stars together? A movie simply based on a group of former teammates getting back together after their coach passes away, I can't wait to see what lies in store for this grouping.

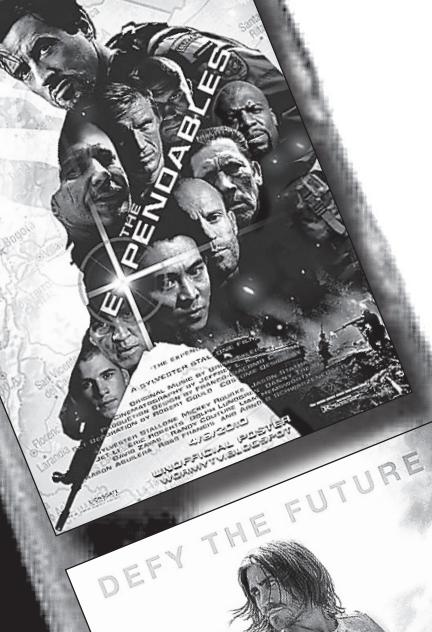
#### **THE TWILIGHT SAGA: ECLIPSE**

For every fan of the "Twilight" series, this will be the best movie of the summer. With an intoxicating plot full of emotion and forbidden love, Kristen Stewart, Robert Pattinson and Taylor Lautner take us back into the world of vampires and werewolves. This time Bella and Edward are back together but must face a plot that twists the lines of friendship and test the bounds of the werewolf-vampire pact. If you've read the books, you know how big this story will be. If you haven't, get in gear and read them before this movie comes out.

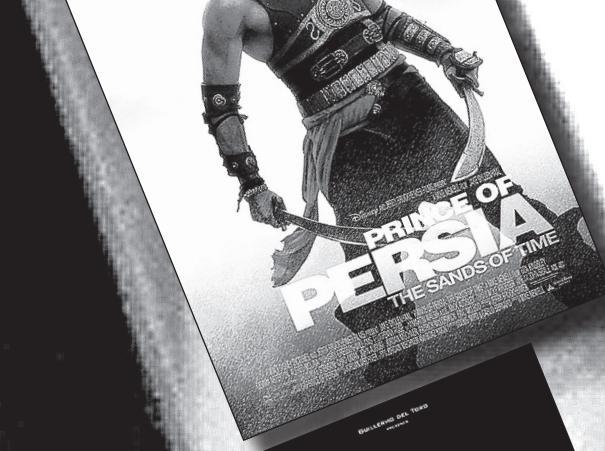
#### **THE LAST AIRBENDER**

Featuring Jackson Rathbone ("The Twilight Saga") and relative newcomer as the lead, actor Noah Ringer plays Aang, the last Airbender, in an adaptation of Nickelodeon's animated TV series. Although I haven't seen the show myself, the previews have roped me into this movie. With a world composed of the major elements: Air, Earth, Fire and Water, four nations representing each are set in a clash for survival as the Fire nation take on the other three in a war. Ringer finds that he alone is the only "Avatar" or controller of all 4 elements and must help restore peace and prosperity to the world of destruction.

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DEFY THE FUTURE



## Big 12 teams should stay together



Tyler Scott

Another burning question from the sports world comes from K-State's very own conference. Is the Big 12 Conference really about to lose teams due to high money offers?

The Big 12 is said to be one of the best conferences in college sports. But there are currently three or four teams on the verge of bolting to financially stronger ones.

The first two, Missouri and Nebraska, are strongly considering moving to the Big Ten for bigger checks. If the Tigers join, they would be making an additional \$10 million more than they currently are. Both teams would not only be making more money, but also joining a better academic conference.

The third and fourth teams are Colorado and Texas. Although a very slim chance, the Buffaloes are pondering whether to stay in the Big 12 or move to the Pacific 10. The Longhorns, who are the least likely to switch, could go to the Southeastern Conference or Pac-10 as well. Texas's decision seems to hold the key to keeping the conference alive because they make more money and have more power.

If these teams decide to leave, then Kansas and K-State will be hurting the most. Both of them have strong athletic programs, considering the Jayhawks won the national basketball championship in 2008 and the Wildcats, who not only had a surprising football season, but basketball did as well, peaking as high as No. 5 in the country. I think the diminishing of the Big 12 would hit KU the most because of their nonstop success in basketball. K-State's strong fan base and team superiority would also suffer. Both programs would be near the bottom for national attention.

Overall, the change would hurt because of the state's geography and small population. This all has to do with the conference's teams holding less money than other athletic programs to fund a powerhouse organization. To make the situation even stranger, Texas Christian is possibly joining the Big 12 to make up for the loss of teams.

The project would also affect Kansas City's sports scene because the city is always in line to get the conference football or basketball championship each year, as well as remaining in the rotation for NCAA basketball games. College sports is the biggest thing that keeps the city interested. KU and K-State alumni would have to travel south to see a high impact game, or go to Manhattan or Lawrence to watch a normal seasonal matchup between the two, or just when they both play another team.

The thought of this entire happening seems like another blundering idea. Not as bad as the possibility of expanding the NCAA basketball field to 96 teams, but this would be changing a power conference from a variety of Midwest schools into a mainly Texas filled one. Five of the 10 teams in the Big 12 would be from Texas and would eliminate the North and South divisions. The league championships would most likely move to Dallas for good, unless Oklahoma City wants to participate for holding the conference basketball championship.

If this disastrous change does happen, I think it would be a near future move like within two or three years, rather than immediately. Look at it any way you want, but I think the biggest difference would be that K-State loses some national recognition. Recognition they recently gained after one of the school's greatest basketball seasons.

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### LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

#### Will you be at Tointon Family Stadium this weekend for No. 20 K-State vs. No. 1 Texas?

- A. Yes – 42 votes (37%)
- B. No – 72 votes (63%)

Total votes: 114

Thank you for participating in our weekly fan polls this semester. Stay tuned for more polls in the fall.

# Texas-Sized Series

## No. 20 Wildcats welcome No. 1 Longhorns to Manhattan

Blake Thorson | COLLEGIAN

No. 1 Texas comes to town this weekend for a showdown with No. 20 K-State in a match-up that features the top two teams in the Big 12 Conference. It also marks the first time K-State has faced a No. 1 team since The Longhorns came to Manhattan in 2004.

The Wildcats (31-13, 10-7 Big 12) would need the Longhorns (39-7, 19-2) to see a monumental collapse if they still want a shot at the regular season Big 12 title, but K-State could greatly improve its chances of hosting an NCAA Regional with a series win. The Wildcats lead Oklahoma and Texas Tech by just two games in the loss column for second place in the conference standings.

The series will match strength versus strength as K-State comes in with a conference lead in team batting average with a .336 mark. The Wildcats also rank second in runs (370) and runs batted in (341) despite hitting a conference-low 28 home runs.

Legendary coach Augie Garrido and his Longhorns enter the series with arguably the premier pitching staff in all of NCAA baseball. Texas leads the Big 12 in team ERA (2.13) by an astounding 1.46 runs and has allowed the fewest hits (318) and is also tied for second in strikeouts with 408.

The Longhorns have won 21-straight games and have grabbed 17 straight conference wins. The Longhorns have not only won, they have been dominant as they have won their last 10 games by an average of nearly seven runs.

K-State is coming off a conference series loss to Oklahoma in which they lost two of three to the Sooners and gave up 38 runs in the series. The Wildcats also dropped one of two from Minnesota earlier this week. After beating the Gophers 12-6 on Tuesday, K-State was shutout for the first time since last season as they lost 3-0.

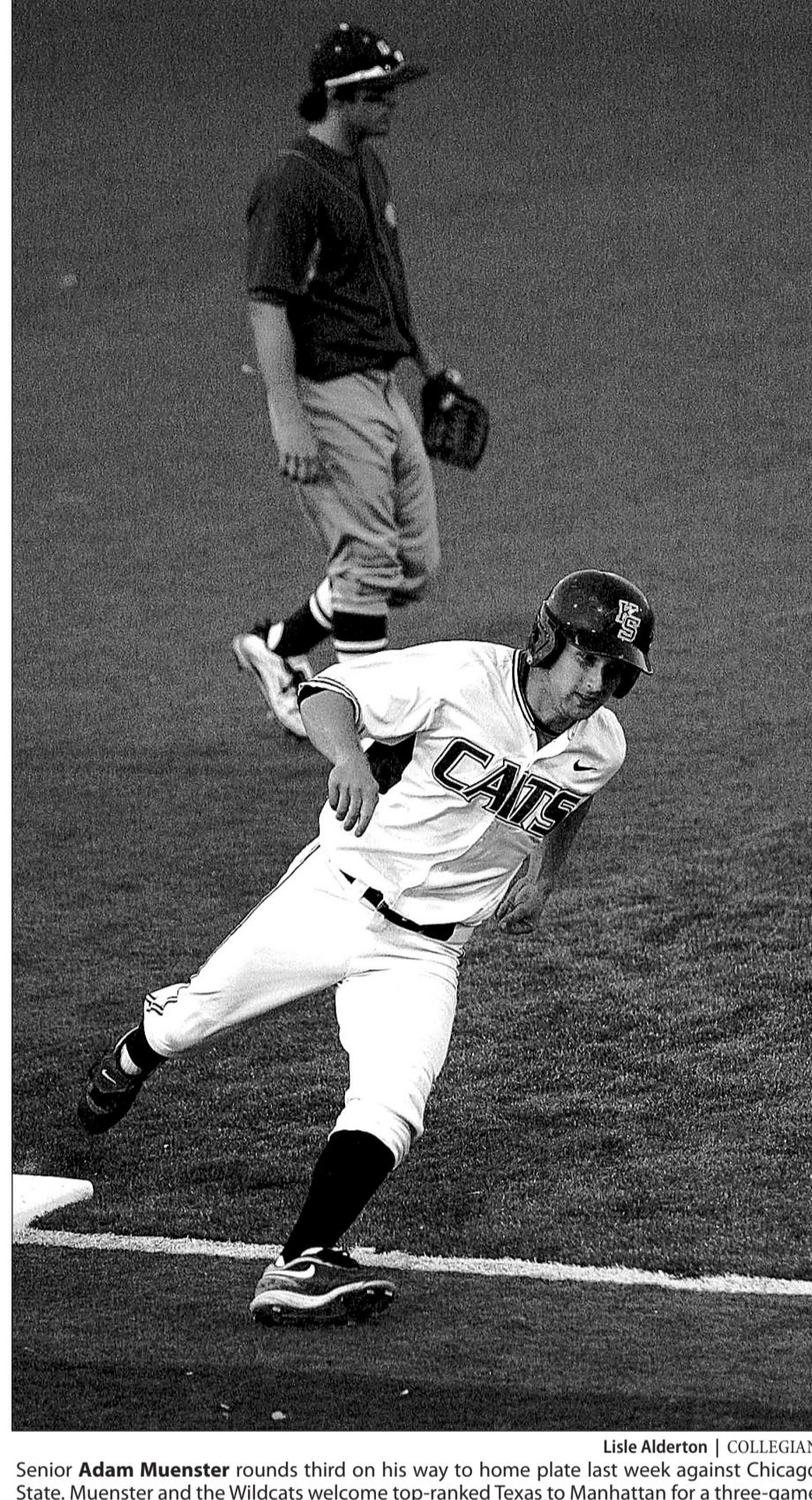
After getting off to the best start in school history, the Wildcats have been up and down as of late, according to head coach Brad Hill.

"We haven't played great baseball the last couple of weeks. We've been playing in spurts," Hill believes in his team and what they can accomplish this weekend. "We've got nothing to lose. That's the way you have to play."

Part of the reason Hill has to be confident in his team has been the steady contribution he has seen from his lineup night in and night out. Seven of the nine regular starters for the Wildcats carry a batting average over .300 heading into this weekend's series.

It all starts at the top as senior Adam Muenster, junior Carter Jurica and sophomore Nick Martini have kick-started the K-State attack all season. Muenster and Martini lead the Big 12 in hits as they each have 74 and have recorded the top two batting averages since the start of conference play. Jurica leads the conference with 58 runs batted in.

Martini also broke the school record for consecutive games with a hit with 26 earlier this season and Muenster rattled off a 25-game hit streak of his own to claim second place on the school's all-time list before the streak came to an



Lisle Alderton | COLLEGIAN

Senior Adam Muenster rounds third on his way to home plate last week against Chicago State. Muenster and the Wildcats welcome top-ranked Texas to Manhattan for a three-game series that starts today.

end on Wednesday.

Muenster was disappointed in the streak coming to an end but looks forward to the chance to face the No. 1 team in the land.

"It's huge," The Omaha, Neb., native said. "They're the No. 1 team in the nation and it's going to be a great atmosphere."

The Wildcats will turn to their most consistent starter on Friday as they send left-hander Kyle Hunter to the hill. Hunter (7-0) has made 11 starts for K-State

and pitched 56 innings while giving up 54 hits and 25 runs for a 3.97 earned run average.

First pitch is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Friday and a pregame tailgate is scheduled for 5 p.m. in Cat Town behind the left-field fence. Saturday, the game is scheduled for 2 p.m., with a tailgate beginning at 12:30 p.m. Saturday's game will also be broadcast on FSN Kansas City. Sunday's Mother's Day tilt is scheduled for 1 p.m. and can be heard on SportsRadio 1350 KMAN.

### TRACK

## Track heads to Nebraska for season finale

Justin Nutter | COLLEGIAN

The K-State track and field team will have one more opportunity to tune up for the Big 12 Championship when it sends a small contingency of athletes to the Nebraska Open on Saturday in Lincoln.

The Wildcats will send 19 members of their squad – eight men and 11 women – to the single-day meet, which will take place at Ed Weir Stadium. The tournament field includes just three teams, including K-State, Big 12 Conference foe and tournament host Nebraska and Great West Conference opponent South Dakota. The Huskers enter the competition ranked in both top-25 polls, as the men currently sit at No. 15 and the women at No. 16. K-State's men enter the meet ranked 18th.

A number of Wildcats set to take part in Saturday's action are looking to build off personal record-setting performances at last weekend's Ward Haylett Invitational in Manhattan. On the men's side, freshman distance runner Kyle Hanson will take to the track after setting a personal mark and earning a victory in the 1,500-meter. Sophomore sprinter Ben Love will also make the trip to Lincoln after improving his personal best in the 400-meter.

In women's competition, senior distance runner Beverly Ramos will look to add another



Emilee Morris (center) and Boglarka Bozzay (right) run in the 1,500-meter last weekend in Manhattan. Morris and Bozzay will be in action again at the Nebraska Open on Saturday.

nearly two tenths of a second off her best time in the 100-meter hurdles.

Including the indoor portion of the season, this marks the third time K-State will travel to Lincoln in 2010. Competition is set to begin with the women's hammer throw and men's javelin at 2 p.m., while running events will start with the women's 3,000-meter steeplechase at 3 p.m. There is no broadcast of the meet, but live stats will be available at [Huskers.com](#). Action will continue the following weekend at the conference finals in Columbia, Mo.

### ROWING

## Team to join new conference

Sam Nearhood | COLLEGIAN

The K-State rowing team announced recently that it is switching to another conference.

Starting next year, two teams from the Southeastern Conference, three teams from Conference USA and four teams from the Big 12 Conference will combine to form one league under the held-over title Conference USA.

Head coach Patrick Sweeney said it would be called Conference USA because the original conference teams will be the ones supporting it.

Sweeney said the change is coming because K-State and other teams in the new league are currently not eligible for automatic qualifiers, where some teams earn an automatic bid to the national tournament. In order to be eligible for an automatic qualifier, a conference must have six teams, but the Big 12 only has four.

The change, made by the NCAA, will have little impact on the season schedule, Sweeney said. Instead of going to regionals at the end of the year, the team will compete in a conference tournament.

Sweeney said Conference USA will help K-State, but the NCAA could make more improvements, like restructuring the regions.

"I think it's going to be better for us going down this road," Sweeney said. "The regionals setup needed to change, because it wasn't very fair."

# Once in a Lifetime

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## Simple decorations add nice finishing touch to weddings

Aubree Casper | COLLEGIAN

A chapel on a wedding day might be the one time and place where gratuitous amounts of tulle isn't considered tacky.

Decorating your ceremony site can be one of the less exciting aspects to wedding planning, and it's true that your florist will take care of most of this if you so choose. However, it's important to make sure you still add your personal touch (the ceremony is truly what your wedding day is all about).

Ceremony decorations are usually simple touches that make any church seem more festive. The importance in ceremony decorations, though, lies in their function. Here are the basics for chapel decor that often serve many purposes:

### ALTAR FLOWERS

These gargantuan arrangements usually create a triad of life that spruces up the altar area and can be the easiest way to bring in your wedding colors even if your

church's red carpeting doesn't follow your purple and sage green theme. According to Loop Floral in California, the typical altar flower arrangements include two larger floor urns with flowers on each side of the chancel (the front part of the church), and a more horizontal, spreading arrangement on the altar itself. Altar flowers average between \$250 to \$500 total, but can reach into the thousands of dollars, according to wedding planning sites like [TheKnot.com](http://TheKnot.com).

### CANDLES

A variety of candles and candelabra are common in modern ceremonies. The unity candles are often utilized during the ceremony to symbolize the coming together of a couple. Candelabra are also popular for larger sites without spending more money on floral arrangements. These can often be rented from places for a decent price.

Candles lit in memory of deceased grandparents, parents, friends and other family members

also accompany many unity candles on the altar or a side table. There are several websites that offer personalized votives and vases for memorial candles.

### PEW BOWS AND FLOWERS

These are perhaps the most multi-functional decorations in the church. For churches with a center aisle and two sets of pews on either side, tulle runners between rows can discourage guests from filtering in the center aisle (it's often easier to keep an aisle runner in place and pre-place rose petals in perfect condition if you direct traffic). Tulle can be ordered in almost any color, so this can help add consistency in how the church looks than altar flowers alone.

Most florists will make the tulle pew bows for you, and usually give you the option of adding ribbon or extra flowers for an additional cost. Online vendors will do the job as well, and fairly elaborate bows cost \$18-\$20 each (only placing one on every other row will help cut costs).

There is so much to think about when planning a wedding, so let us remove one thing from your to-do list — finding out how far ahead you need to reserve your church building.

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So, there you have it. Some could take only a day, others take more than a year. Now, just grab that phone, reserve your church and move on to the more enjoyable parts – like picking colors.

-Compiled by Tiffany Roney

## K-State to launch book network in fall

Pauline Kennedy | COLLEGIAN

The shift from high school to college life can be difficult for anyone, but students, faculty and staff have recently worked together to ease the transition.

This fall the university is scheduled to launch a first-year K-State experience program, consisting of seminars, learning communities and a new book network. The program is called K-State First.

One of the prominent features of the new program is the K-State Book Network.

The idea behind the network is to give all incoming freshmen the same book to read over the summer break. Faculty, staff and other students are welcome to read the book as well.

The book chosen for next fall, "The Hunger Games," by Suzanne Collins, will be given out to each student at orientation and during enrollment.

The book will be incorporated throughout the year into classrooms and into activities and programs in the residence halls and on campus.

Those involved hope the university reading program will help students transition into college by giving them all something in common with other students and professors.

"When new students arrive they

will have all read the same book, as well as many of us here," said Greg Eiselein, faculty director of K-State First. "We will all have something in common already, something to bond over."

Eiselein said it will allow for a common intellectual experience. Students will be able to talk about their reaction to the book, develop critical thinking skills and reinforce what they have learnt by getting the perspectives of other students, faculty and staff on campus.

In "The Hunger Games," the characters live in a future that has been taken over by a reality television show, in which the players fight for their lives and only the winner comes out alive.

Collins' thriller novel helped put her on Time magazine's 2010 Time 100 as one of the people who most affected our world.

The book will generate a great deal of divergent opinions and will be a good resource to provoke thought, said Kevin Blake, professor of geography. He said the book will be able to create common ground not only freshman to freshman, but among other students as well.

"It provides a common network that will engage them socially and academically," he said.

Blake, who was on the book selection sub-committee as well as

the Book Network committee, will be using the book as part of his fall 2010 curriculum for the World Regional Geography class.

He said the book is also useful in a geography class because it has many parallels between the regions in the book and other areas in North America and Europe. It will be incorporated into class discussions, homework for the course and hands-on projects like mapping out areas mentioned in the book.

Other professors will be incorporating the book to their courses as well.

Tara Coleman, assistant professor at Hale Library, said she thinks the book network will help ease students into the college life, and the book will be a good way for students to interact with each other over a common topic.

"I really hope people enjoy the book, but it's okay if they don't," she said. "Part of the process is learning to articulate why you do or don't like something. It will bring up a lot of conversation."

Coleman said they have five students on the committee for next fall, but are always looking for more student involvement. Anyone interested in being a part of the committee, including event planning and public relations, should contact Coleman at [tcol2@ksu.edu](mailto:tcol2@ksu.edu)

## ARIZONA | Bill passed to ban ethnic studies program

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"If we go back in time to Gov. [Pete] Wilson in California, he was the first to push immigration reform," Aistrup said. "The Latino voters flocked to the Democratic candidate. Arizona is a similar situation. The thing is that a lot of Latinos don't participate in elections because they are not citizens. While they may be able to protest on the street, their vote won't reflect the numbers on the street. Republicans may not be as hurt by this as some might think."

A bill banning ethnic studies programs has also passed the Arizona legislature and awaits the signature of Governor Jan Brewer.

The bill was primarily aimed at a Mexican-American studies program in the Tucson Unified School District, according to a May 4 post on The Answer Sheet, a

Washington Post blog. State Superintendent for Public Instruction Tom Horne has said such programs promote "ethnic chauvinism" according to an April 30 [Foxnews.com](http://Foxnews.com) article.

Juanita McGowan, assistant dean of diversity in the College of Arts & Sciences and director of the American Ethnic Studies Program, called the legislation "appalling."

"I think what we fail to realize is that ethnic studies is an academic discipline," she said. "It has content, research, scholarship and resources."

Frustration with illegal immigration might facilitate congressional action said Aistrup, but other obstacles exist.

"I just don't think that it is enough to overcome the current political climate where the two political parties will not cooperate with one another on a variety of issues including immigration," he said.

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## Volleyball faces tough schedule

Sam Nearhood | COLLEGIAN

Head volleyball coach Suzanne Fritz has done it again. In a bold move to showcase her rising volleyball team, Fritz loaded the schedule for next year with the who's who of the best teams.

On Wednesday, the K-State volleyball team released its 2010-11 schedule, which is packed full of top-ranked teams and formidable opponents, including nine from the 2009 American Volleyball Coaches Association's final coach's poll and 11 that went to the Big Dance.

The season opens with a tournament in the deceptively beautiful state of Hawaii, where the Wildcats will battle No. 14 UCLA at the Hawaii Chevron Classic for the season opener. The tournament also includes matchups against No. 3 Hawaii – which went to the Final Four last year – and San Diego, the first unranked team of the sea-

son. Starting with the home opener against South Dakota – which K-State downed in four games last year – the Wildcats will play four matches in four days, with the annual Varney's Kansas State Invitational dominating the weekend. The schedule remains unforgiving the following weekend, K-State will travel east for the Kentucky Invitational, a series highlighted by the final game against the host, No. 12 Kentucky, who went to the Elite Eight last year.

Even the conference opener has high stakes; K-State will face off against state-rival Kansas – which swept the Wildcats twice last year – to commence an arduous two-month stretch of top-tier teams. Among the noteworthy conference teams the Wildcats will face include No. 2 Texas, which lost in the national championship, and No. 5 Nebraska, a quarter finalist.

The Wildcats' opening match against the Bruins is set for Aug. 27.

### 2010 K-STATE VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Aug. 27*	UCLA	5 p.m.
Aug. 28*	Hawaii	7 p.m.
Aug. 29*	San Diego	3 p.m.
Sept. 1	South Dakota	7 p.m.
Sept. 3**	Loyola Marymount	12:30 p.m.
Sept. 3**	Oral Roberts	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 4**	Georgia Tech	7 p.m.
Sept. 10***	Florida State	11 a.m.
Sept. 10***	Virginia Commonwealth	5 p.m.
Sept. 11***	Kentucky	7 p.m.
Sept. 15	Kansas	7 p.m.
Sept. 18	Texas Tech	TBA
Sept. 22	Colorado	7 p.m.
Sept. 25	Missouri	7 p.m.
Sept. 28	UMKC	7 p.m.
Oct. 2	Texas A&M	7 p.m.
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Oct. 9	Texas	7 p.m.
Oct. 13	Iowa State	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 16	Nebraska	7 p.m.
Oct. 20	Baylor	7 p.m.
Oct. 22	Texas	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 27	Iowa State	7 p.m.
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Nov. 20	Oklahoma	7 p.m.
Nov. 24	Kansas	7 p.m.
Nov. 27	Colorado	7 p.m.

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\*\*\*Kentucky Invitational - Lexington, Ky.

## Singer slowly learns to speak again

Christina Farmer | COLLEGIAN

Only days before his near fatal brain hemorrhage in January 2010, Grant Haley was vivaciously performing in front of a crowd in his fifth year with Cadence, an all-male a cappella group on campus. After the performance, Haley was congratulated by an acquaintance who reaches out his hand. Like many times before, Haley refused the handshake, excitedly said "Bring it in for the real thing!" and instead gave the acquaintance a big hug.

Days later, the 23-year-old, fifth-year senior in hotel and restaurant management, was rushed from Manhattan to Stormont Vail Hospital in Topeka after suffering from a ruptured brain aneurysm causing a brain bleed, or subarachnoid hemorrhage, above the spinal cord.

Months after that, on April 17, Haley laid in his hospital bed at Madonna Rehabilitation Center in Nebraska, while Cadence performed for the student body. The group passed out T-shirts for his cause, embellished with Haley's face and one of his many quirky phrases, "Bring it in for the real thing!"

"He would say that whenever anybody would try to shake his hand, even if you were just an acquaintance," said Bryan Meyer, 24, a third year veterinary medicine student, a close friend of Haley's and fellow member of Cadence. "That's just the kind of guy he is."

Now in Nebraska at Madonna Rehabilitation Center, Haley, who was earlier this year a passionate singer, is learning how to speak again.

"There are a significant number of people who don't survive hemorrhages," said Robert Tackett, MD and Lafene Health Center Medical Director. "And if they do, they may not be the way they were."

A brain aneurysm is an uncharacteristic external bulging of one of the arteries in the brain, according to the American Society of Interventional and Therapeutic Neuroradiology website. Up to one in 15 people in the United States will develop a brain aneurysm in their lifetime, yet aneurysms are not usually discovered until they rupture.

"I hit the ground and cried," Meyer said when recalling the day of Haley's incident.

Meyer went to see his unexpectedly ill friend the same night, when

Haley was in a coma. He and his wife, Michelle Meyer, pulled up fatality statistics online shortly after the occurrence. Meyer said he now realizes how lucky Haley is for still being alive and slowly improving after his very serious brain bleed.

About 10 percent of patients die before even reaching the hospital and one-third have a "good result" after treatment, according to the article "Unruptured Intracranial Aneurysms" by Robert L. Singer, MD, Christopher S. Ogilvy, MD and Guy Rordorf, MD.

"It can be devastating," Tackett said. "It happens so quickly."

Prevention of brain aneurysms probably won't alter rapidly, but techniques in removing them can improve, Tackett said.

Treatment for brain aneurysms is vital. Therapy is critical for both, and much rehabilitation is needed for brain bleed patients. Recovery surgery can be performed, but a significant number of people don't survive surgery, Tackett said.

Because Haley's brain bleed was directly above his spinal cord, surgery was not an option.

He was partially paralyzed and unable to speak, hear or feel for a while, and is now very slowly in the process of recovering. He has speech, physical and occupational therapists helping him learn to talk and coordinate his movements.

"He is like an infant trapped in a 23-year-old's body," Meyer said. "I know he's there 100 percent. He just has a long, long road to go."

According to [Caringbridge.org/visit/granthaley/mystery](http://Caringbridge.org/), the website managed by his family to show his progress, Haley has had undying support from his family and friends.

"It's a constant two steps forward, one step back," Meyer said.

While in the hospital, Haley has suffered other complications, such as eye infections, staph infections and severe aching.

The causes of the formation of brain aneurysms vary. Although none of Haley's relatives had ever suffered from ruptured brain aneu-

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Robert Tackett, MD  
LAFENE HEALTH CENTER  
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stration. According to his CaringBridge progress tracking website, an eye doctor was amazed at how well he could see. He communicates by reading what his doctors, friends, and family members write on a dry erase board. He responds by spelling out words by pointing to letters on his letter board.

Meyer says that Haley's great personality and sense of humor are still evident, even though he can't show emotion or hear. He brought an "undying spirit" to every Cadence practice and performance.

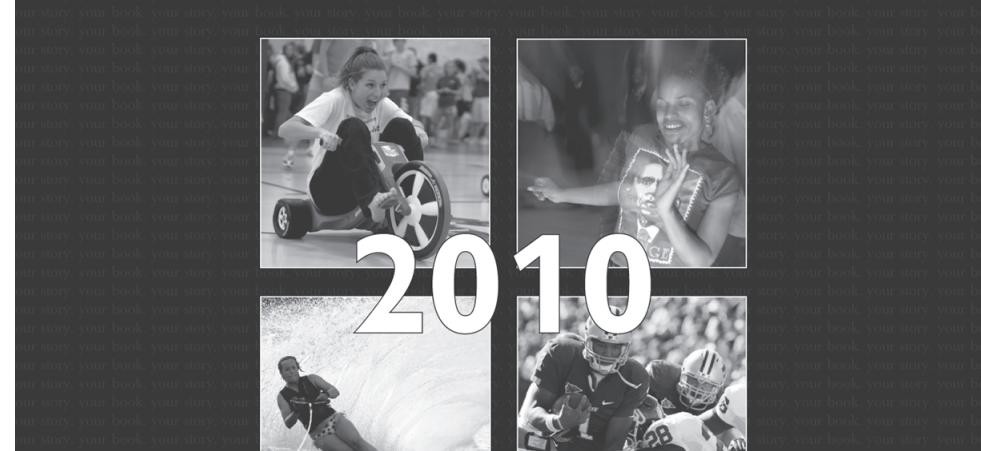
"He's with us every day in rehearsals," Meyer said.

Haley may not be able to hear the music again, but he will always show his spirit and never fail to "bring it in for the real thing."

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## MHS accreditation

Natalie Birzer | COLLEGIAN

Manhattan High School received its AdvancED accreditation for another five-year term at a quality review assurance visit on Friday, April 9.

AdvancED promotes excellence in education and is comprised of 27,000 public and private schools and districts across the U.S. and in 65 countries worldwide.

"The AdvancED accreditation is a stamp of approval on a school," said Nancy Bolz, director of Kansas's AdvancED division. "It helps schools find ways to leverage change so they can improve."

The accreditation goes above and beyond the requirements for the Quality Performance Accreditation required by the state of Kansas. It is a voluntary program for schools that choose to be held to a higher standard of excellence in education.

The benefits of AdvancED accreditation include access to tools and resources that allow member schools to be in a continuous process of improvement. It provides a mark of quality that is recognized internationally.

"This accreditation is a high-quality review that makes schools look better," Bolz said. "It is much broader than just the state of Kansas and it adds recognition to credits when students transfer to schools in different states."

Manhattan High School has fully satisfied the requirements to receive its renewal, which will become official when it is formally approved by the Accreditation Commission at the June meeting.

Bolz said Manhattan High School has been accredited by AdvancED for a number of years and for all practical purposes sees no reason why it would not continue to be accredited.

## Veterans commemorate V-E Day with speakers, music, memories

Lauren Garrison | COLLEGIAN

This weekend, the newly formed Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge chapter in Manhattan will sponsor a 65th anniversary celebration of the Victory in Europe Day. The celebration will be from 1 to 3 p.m. this Saturday, at the American Legion.

The purpose of the celebration is to honor World War II veterans, and Maj. General Orris Kelly, of Montrose, Kan., and retired Chief of Chaplains for the U.S. Army, will

deliver the main address. Students from the Riley County High School "Swingtime Canteen" cast will also sing some excerpts from the musical for the veterans.

The Battle of the Bulge veterans are currently in the process of writing a book, and they will give an update at the celebration.

Also, as part of the program, the veterans will recall what they were doing when they received word that the Third Reich surrendered.

There will also be a band that will perform popular songs from

the World War II era, such as "Sentimental Journey," "Don't Fence Me In" and "I'll Be Seeing You," among many others.

The anniversary celebration will be at the American Legion, located at 114 McCall Road, and all veterans, including those who weren't in World War II, are invited to attend along with their families.

There is no charge for the celebration, but donations will be accepted for the Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge chapter in Manhattan.

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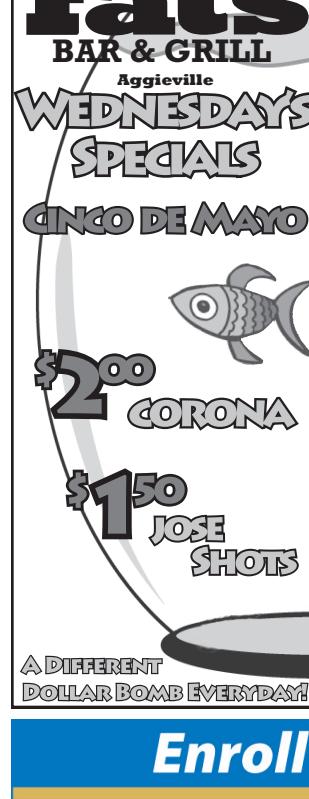


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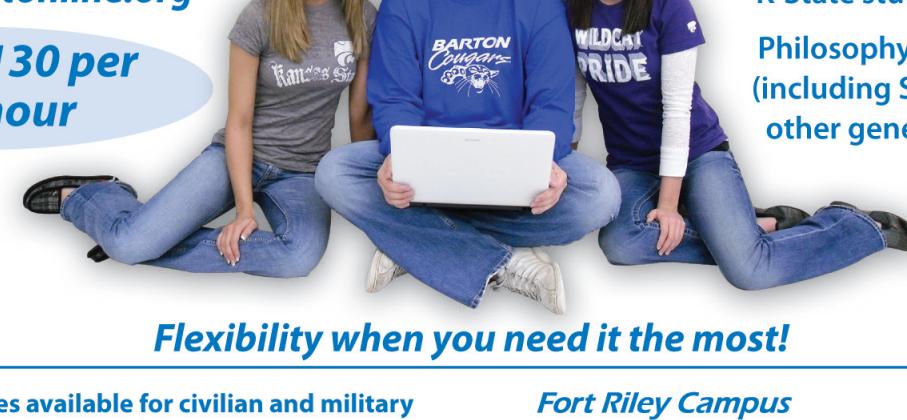
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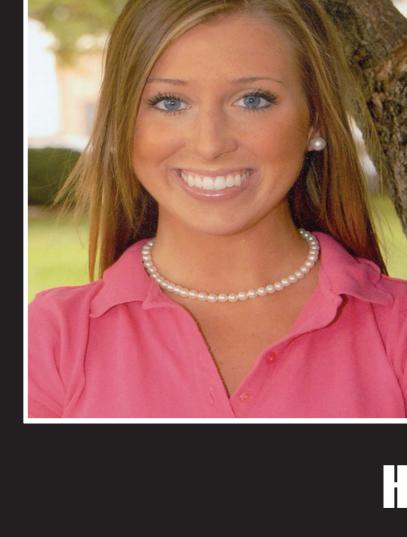
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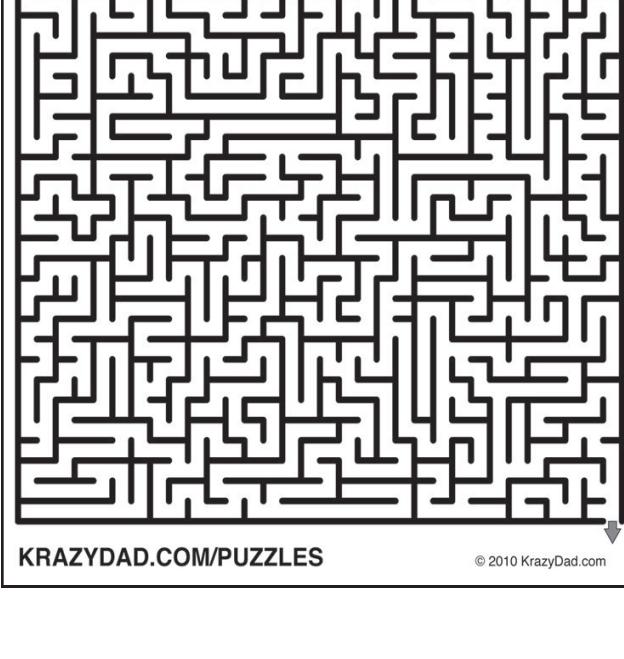
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